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**BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

- President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- The January minutes were read and approved.
- Due to the absence of the Board treasurer, Mrs. Jeffries gave a brief financial report.
Encumbrances were reviewed. Dan of Umbaugh approved the budget of \$251,370.81 for 2009.
Workers' Comp of \$4,384 will be deposited into the Park Fund before March meeting.
Overpayment of phone bill is \$114, which will be deposited in the Park Fund.
Since Dan overestimated pool revenue by \$10,000, the amount of rollover money is \$7,000.
Since the 2009 budget reflected \$1,000 in Capital Funds, that amount is all the Board can transfer to the non-reverting fund. Also this money has to be earmarked for a specific project.
- Park Superintendent's Report—Bill Houck
 - Only two benches remain to be finished.
 - Snow removal dominated the park work.
 - Charley Lucas is still making the Deal Cross Country sign. It will be ready by spring.
 - Mr. Houck received word that the DNR grant for the trail has been approved.
 - Spear Corp. is working with the Superintendent to determine what will need to be done to comply with the anti-entrapment drain law. Engineers will be involved to determine the solution—height of top of drains, power of pumps, suction, etc. An audit of the whole system will be done. Obviously, this whole scenario has the potential of being quite expensive. Scott Wolfson is our state contact.

NEW BUSINESS

- Candace Brown of the Clay County Tobacco Coalition presented the Coalition's work which involves 3 areas—education, cessation, and policy change.
- The Board again discussed the park areas that might become smoke free, what signs should say and look like, etc.
- Ruthann Jeffries motioned for smoke free areas to be the swimming pool area (pool, shelter, front of pool house), The Roy Brann stadium (CYL), the band shell, the pavilion, the softball area (dug-out, bleachers, concession area, scoring booth), and playground area. Seconded by Caroline McCullough. Carried.

- Mrs. Brown wants to use local businesses to design and make the signs. The purchase of signs will be written into the grant she is seeking. She will work with Superintendent Houck.
- Also, the pool area and the CYL are already smoke free.
- Susan Thomas, representing Rotary, presented a check for \$1,350 for tables. This will be deposited in the non-reverting fund. This donation was unanimously approved by Rotary. Don Bullerdick will be making the tables with "ROTARY" routed on the tops. The Board thanked Rotary for their donation.
- John Day, representing Christmas in the Park, presented the idea of having a permanent "Santa Claus" building built on the shuffleboard concrete. This would be aesthetically appropriate for the park area and would serve as a storage facility off-season. The Board was positive for the idea but members were to look at various buildings before next meeting. No action was taken.
- Brad Deal had talked with Mansfield Stone about a large stone to mark the beginning of the new walking trail at Craig Park. This stone would be inscribed with Wilmadean Baker's name. The only cost would be the \$100 for the sandblasting. After discussion, the Board felt the stone was most appropriate but the trail needed to be finished first. It was suggested that Brad try to get a written agreement with Mansfield Stone to be put in place after the completion of the trail.
- Plans have changed for the Wilmadean Baker Day. Mrs. Baker wishes to honor the Parks Association's 20th anniversary next year. She would be honored at that time.
- The Mayor's office will advertise in the *Brazil Times* information about the mowing specs—obtaining spec copies, dates, etc.—for potential mowing bidders. These specs will be available in the Mayor's office during City Hall hours. The completed bids will be due in the Mayor's office March 6, 2009. Opening and awarding the bids will be at the March 11 Park Board meeting.
- After discussion of the 2009 rates for pool and rentals of shelters, Ruthann Jeffries motioned to keep the rental rates of the Band shell (\$50) and Pavilion (\$25 for ¼) the same and raise the shelter rental from \$25 to \$30. Seconded by Todd Brackman. Carried.
After discussion concerning the pool rates, Todd Brackman motioned to keep the daily pool rates at \$2.50, the family passes at \$120 (4 people-\$5 for each addition person living in the same house) and raise the 2-hour pool party rates by \$20. (up to 100 people—from \$140 to \$160; 100 to 250 people—from \$160 to \$180; 250 to 500 people—from \$250 to \$270. Seconded by Caroline McCullough. Carried.

- The Board and Superintendent reviewed all contracts. Several changes were made and dates changed.
- Superintendent Houck and John Day discussed the electrical upgrade in the pavilion. There is not enough power to handle all the special events. Duke Energy will give the park a large utility box that will support 6-200 amp boxes. Labor and supplies would be approximately \$3,500. The negatives discussed were the size and location of this large utility box. However, the Board felt all members of the Board should be present for a vote, thus the matter was tabled until next month.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline McCullough